In the Specification:

Amend the paragraph on page 11, beginning at line 1, as follows:

The representation location may be within image data, i.e., embedded within the image that is being viewed, so that it is directly accessible by pointing with the device 106, or, if the location is within metadata associated with particular image data, the metadata is called, such as either by clicking on a hyperlink or by rolling over a roll-over link, to call the representation location. Completion of the step of selecting the representation location may be signaled by a predefined keystroke or sequence of keystrokes in conjunction with pointing with the mouse, or simply by clicking the mouse.

Amend the paragraph on page 29, beginning at line 3, as follows:

A smart pointer according to the present invention facilitates the retrieval of metadata associated with an image region within the image record. As discussed above, an icon used to identify a hyperlink has associated therewith a particular group or set of pixel locations to which the cursor may point to activate the electronic link. A roll-over link has a similar group of associated pixel locations. The set or group of pixel locations is typically relatively small. It may be desired to identify all of the links within a larger area, or greater number of pixels. Referring to Figure [[7]] 9, showing a viewing screen 202 for viewing image data 204 of an image record, such an area "A" may be identified by clicking a mouse 206 while dragging the mouse along the diagonal "D." The mouse is connected to a computer 208. A computer program running in the computer 208 notes the coordinates "C_1" and "C_2" defining the area A as transmitted by the mouse. The computer program retrieves all of the data associated with roll-over links and all of the hidden icons associated with hyperlinks in the area, and displays the data and icons in a defined location on the viewing screen 212. It is preferable to provide icons for hyperlinks where the smart pointer feature is desired, so that the computer program possesses displayable information to reveal the existence of the hyperlink and, preferably, its function.